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We are pleased to release our annual Result Report for 2008. This Report shares information from each one of Missouri's Community Partnerships. The twenty-one Community Partnerships work in their local communities to develop strategies that achieve better results for families and children around our State.

The pages that follow represent a small sample of the strategies that are utilized by our Community Partnerships to improve the lives of Missouri's children and families.

For more information about the work of Missouri's Community Partnerships and to view other community reports, please visit our web site at [www.mofact.org](http://www.mofact.org)

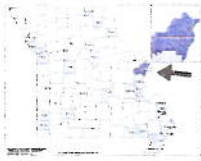
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## Area Resources for Community and Human Resources (ARCHS)

**Established: 1995**



2007-2008 Funding



**FY08 Result Achievement: Parents Working**

**September 2008**

### Community Profile:

ARCHS is the community partnership serving the Greater St. Louis Region. (2.7 million population).

ARCHS has an active 25 member board and 28 employees. This year, ARCHS managed more than 300 community partnerships valued at **\$23 million** (\$16 for every \$1 of state community partnership funding).

ARCHS is in the third year of implementing a lifelong learning (L3) community partnership model that focuses on:

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Grades K-12
- Adult Education
- Community Education

ARCHS' L3 model emphasizes education related programming. L3 creates a unifying structure for ARCHS to best fulfill its role as a state partnership and enhance its ability to positively address the six core results.

ARCHS manages its partnerships through a formal business model called SOFA:

- Social Responsibility
- Objective Evaluation
- Financial Soundness
- Accountable Results

ARCHS' partnership database monitors the progress of its partnerships with a focus on financial & program results (leveraged dollars, people served, etc.) This allows the data to be used to make any necessary adjustments to ARCHS' Federal, state, local and private partnerships to assure optimal success.

### Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

ARCHS was awarded a \$1.9 million U.S. Department of Labor grant in 2007 to serve ex-offenders. ARCHS' **Reentry Community Partnership** focuses on job training and placement for ex-offenders returning to St. Louis.

Highlights: (October 2007-September 2008):

- **# Served – 640** (surpassing goal of 488)
- **# Graduated from Trainings -200**
- **# Continuing School -10**
- **# Placed in Jobs -350**
- **# \$ value of jobs** (combined annual salaries of those placed) **\$5.6 million**
- **# of Employers -126**
- **Leveraged/In Kind \$ - \$7 million**

ARCHS is a partner of the Missouri Reentry Process (MRP), created in 2005 by the Missouri Department of Corrections. Early recidivism results of MRP are encouraging, with a 12-month rate of 24% compared to 35% for those who did not participate in the MRP. **ARCHS' Reentry has achieved a 6-month recidivism rate of 5.3%.**

In November 2008, ARCHS will again co-sponsor with the MO Dept. of Corrections, the MO Dept. of Social Services and The Family and Community Trust (FACT) the annual Missouri Reentry Conference.

By sharing replicable models and best practices, the conference promotes effective reentry back into the community, family and workforce.

**ARCHS' Reentry Model:**

ARCHS' Reentry Community Partnership focuses on helping former prisoners with job skill development, job placement, job retention and increased earnings resulting in the reduction of recidivism rates (returning to prison).

ARCHS uses case management, mentoring, job training, job placement and apprenticeship programs to support ex-offenders.

ARCHS focused industry tracks parallel projected job growth reports for the St. Louis region and industries targeted by President Bush's High-Growth Jobs Initiative (construction, automotive, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, and information technology).

ARCHS builds partnerships with the justice system, community groups, faith-based organizations and businesses. Through ARCHS, participants benefit from resources focusing on employment, education, substance abuse, housing, mental illness, transportation, family/social support and attitudes/cognitive skills.

**Need For Reentry in Greater St. Louis:**

The City of St. Louis is home to more than 22,500 ex-offenders who have returned from state and federal prisons. They are coming back to the same challenges faced prior to incarceration, including poverty, high unemployment, and crime.

Prisoners engaged in the re-entry process return to a community where the crime rate is three times greater for the City of St. Louis (13,929 crimes per 100,000 residents) than for Missouri (4,415 crimes per 100,000 residents) (Missouri Department of Public Safety, 2004). St. Louis County crime rates fell below the state rate at 3,220 crimes per 100,000 residents.

**ARCHS' Reentry Partners:**

- U.S Department of Labor
- Dr. Brenda Buckley
- Computer Village
- Daruby School
- Employment Connection
- The Family and Community Trust (FACT)
- Fathers' Support Center
- Greenville Federal Prison
- Dr. Ladonna Finch
- Leavenworth Federal Prison
- Marion Federal Prison
- Manufacturing Training Alliance
- MERS Missouri Goodwill
- Mission Gate Christian Ministry
- Missouri Dept. of Corrections
- Missouri Dept. of Social Services
- Missouri Eastern Correctional Center
- Missouri Probation & Parole
- MOKAN Construction Prep Center
- Nova Source
- RANKEN Technical School
- St. Louis Community College
- St. Francis Xavier "College" Church
- Tipton Correctional Center
- U.S. Probation of Eastern Missouri
- Vandalia Correctional Facility

**ARCHS' Reentry Training Programs:**

- Automotive
- Carpentry
- Computers
- Construction
- Culinary Arts & Catering
- Customer Service
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Electric
- Manufacturing
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Soft Skills (Resumes, Interviewing etc.)
- Welding

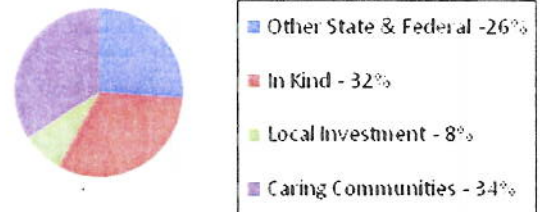


# Boone County Community Partnership

**Established: 1995**



2007-2008 Funding



## **FY08 Result Achievement:**

**Youth Ready for Productive Adulthood**

September 2008

### **Community Profile:**

Boone County Community Partnership (BCCP) is located in central Columbia, where we are gaining a reputation as a community change agent. The cities of Ashland, Centralia, Columbia, Hallsville and Sturgeon make up our great Boone County with a population of just over 152,000. BCCP is governed by a 12 member board and has 13 staff members. Our Board and staff representing the diversity of Boone County enhance our effectiveness in making a difference in our likewise diverse community. Our mission is to: *foster actions by people and organizations that make a positive difference in the individual and collective lives of people at greatest risk and need.*

### **Current initiatives include:**

- **Transportation**-developing a collaborative that will link residents to jobs and community services.
- **Youth Empowerment**-educational & mentor support for job and personal development.
- **Missouri Reentry Process**- linking ex-offenders and their families to resources and services.
- **Early Childhood**-services for parents and child care providers that support school readiness.
- **Communities Empowering Youth** – Building the capacity of organizations serving at risk youth.

### **Major Collaborative Accomplishment:**

In response to increasing local crime especially by youthful offenders, numerous public forums were held during the spring of 2004 to determine a strategy to achieve positive results. An immediate strategy implemented by the Boone County Community Partnership within 10 days was to coordinate a Youth Summer Opportunity Fair to present summer recreation, education and employment resources. Over 300 youth ages 13 – 28 attended. The event was repeated in 2005 and called the Mayor's Youth Opportunity Fair. While these events were being implemented, a long term strategy addressing the *greatest* at-risk youth in the community was developed with partners such as elected officials, youth serving organizations, community faith leaders, Columbia Housing Authority and not for profits.

### **Youth Empowerment initiatives include:**

**Non Profit Incubator** - BCCP and community partners designed a pilot project to address the unique issues of these *greatest* at risk youth. BCCP's contribution included the salaries for two temporary summer positions. These would be filled by community leaders with whom *highly* at risk youth would identify and respect. A unique aspect of this project would be its ability to holistically address *all* issues, both at home and in the community that were individual barriers to successful adulthood. The continuance of education and securing meaningful employment leading to successful careers were strategically addressed.

Due to the first summer successes, this project immediately evolved into a year round program. Project leaders, community partners and BCCP determined that this program should develop further. A business plan to create an independent 501(c) 3 was developed during the spring and summer of 2005. Federal funding was secured to provide capacity building for the project.

In January 2007, the Youth Empowerment Zone (YEZ) officially became its own independent not for profit. BCCP has continued to provide technical assistance, and secured additional funding for YEZ to further its development. Now financially independent of BCCP, YEZ moved into their own facility on June 30, 2008.

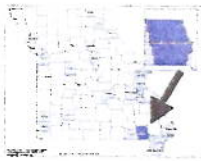
### **YEZ Partners have included (partial listing)**

Job Point, Missouri Division of Youth Services, Missouri Department of Corrections, Probation & Parole, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Missouri, Division of Workforce Development, Community Youth Coalition, Columbia Public Schools, Central Missouri Community Action, Bread Basket, First Chance for Children, Hollywood Theatre, The Bluffs, Inter Act Teen to Teen Theater, MFA Oil, McDonalds, Southampton Nursing, Super Wal-Mart, City of Columbia, Phone Smart, Target, Woodhaven, Taco Bell, Hardees's, Cracker Barrel, Express Fashions, Applebee's, Hobby Lobby, Miller's Professional Imaging, Toys 'R' Us, All Stars Cuts, Backyard Burger, Quaker Oats, Frito Lays and numerous individual community employers.

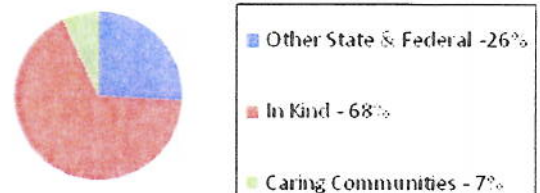


# Butler County Community Resource Council

**Established: 1997**



2007-2008 Funding



## **FY08 Result Achievement:**

**Establishment of Missouri Reentry Opportunity Center in District 25**

**September 2008**

### **Community Profile:**

The Butler County Community Resource Council is located in Poplar Bluff and serves Butler County. Butler County has a population of 40,867 and is located in Southeast Missouri. Our residents are primarily Caucasian (92.2%) with African Americans comprising a significant minority of 5.2% of the population. Poplar Bluff, population 16,651, is the principle city and is the center of commerce, services, and industry for Butler County. 22,899 citizens reside outside of any municipality. The balance of the population resides in the three small communities of Neelyville, Qulin, and Fisk. The average median household income is \$27,228 with 18.6% of our population living in poverty. 29.4% of our adults are without high school diplomas or GED certificates.

The Butler County Community Resource Council was incorporated in 1992 as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Missouri. Founded by a group of human service professionals, the corporation's purpose was to promote interagency collaboration. In 1997, the Butler County Community Resource Council entered into a partnership agreement with the state of Missouri and was designated the entity responsible for implementing the Caring Communities Initiative in Butler County.

Over 300 individuals participate in the activities of the Partnership representing over 100 local agencies. The Partnership is governed by an executive board of directors with four officers, six members at large and six members who serve as chairperson of committees that are responsible for each of the six core results of the Caring Communities initiative.

Presently, the Partnership has an executive director, community coordinator, and an office manager and is its own fiscal agent. The Partnership has two staff members who work with teen moms in the MO Mentoring Partnership's Teen Parent Mentoring Program. The MO Community Service Commission awarded the Partnership an AmeriCorps grant in 2004 which has grown from 13 Members to 43 Members in 2007. The AmeriCorps program's two staff members manage the program that focuses on educational enrichment in the three school districts in Butler County. Two staff members operate the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant to impact underage and binge drinking. The Partnership also has a VISTA grant of five Members who serve in educational capacities.

### **Major Collaborative Accomplishment:**

The District 25 Missouri Reentry Process Taskforce (MRP) has been working on the benchmark of unemployment rate with the offenders returning home from incarceration, in Butler County. The MRP Taskforce, along with collaborating partners established the Reentry Opportunity Center (ROC). The ROC serves as a grass-roots initiative to reduce recidivism rates in Butler County. Every other month, agencies and offenders gather at the United Gospel Rescue Mission to attend the ROC. The ROC offers the opportunity for offenders to access services such as employment, mental and physical health needs, education and housing in one location.

September 13, 2007 marked the first monthly meeting of the ROC with fourteen agencies and fifty offenders participating. To date, there are currently eighteen agencies participating at each ROC and a total of 175 offenders have attended.

The mission of the Taskforce is to collaboratively put forth an effort to integrate local resources in a way that will help offenders' succeed in their reentry into the communities. Of the more than 30,000 felons incarcerated in Missouri's prisons, 97% will eventually be released and returned to a Missouri Community.

District 25 includes Butler, Carter, Ripley and Wayne Counties. In 2006, there was an average of 12.8 parole returns and unauthorized returns to prison per month in District 25. For year 2007, there was an average of 10.3 parole returns and unauthorized returns to prison per month in District 25. Unemployment and underemployment are the leading attributes of offenders returning to prison. Data shows that those who do not secure employment have a much higher chance of returning to prison upon being released than those who obtain employment.

**List of Partners:** Adult Education & Literacy, AO Employment, Butler County Community Resource Council, Family Counseling Center, Heartland Alternative Services Program, MERS Goodwill, MO Career Center, MO Family Support Division, MO Division of Probation & Parole, Parents Fair Share, SEMO Community Treatment Center, SMTS, Social Security Administration, South Central MO Action Agency, Three Rivers Community College, UMOS- National Farm Workers Jobs Program, United Gospel Rescue Mission, and Veterans Hospital.

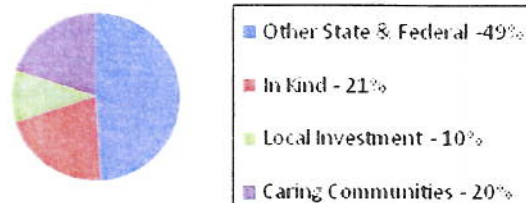


# Community Caring Council – Cape Girardeau

**Established: 1995**



**2007-2008 Funding**



## **FY08 Result Achievement: Children and Families Healthy – Primary Care Coalition**

**September 2008**

### **Community Profile:**

The Community Caring Council is located at 937 Broadway in Cape Girardeau, MO. Most of our efforts are directed to residents residing in the county of Cape Girardeau (population 68,693), although some of our programs also serve the surrounding counties of Scott, Bollinger and Perry. Our Partnership is governed by a 13-member board. A majority vote among a quorum (9 or more) is required for board decisions. The Council consists of 12 full time staff and 2 part time staff: Executive Director, 2 Community Coordinators, Housing Coordinator and Case Manager, Community Case Manager, VISTA volunteer, MO Mentoring Partnership Director, 2.5 Parent Educators, Office Manager, .5 Oral Health Coordinator and Asset Coordinator.

The major strength of this Community Partnership is the diversity of focus in addressing our priority issues. The implementation of our Community Plan is ongoing, with annual updates and revisions, guided by the participation of over 200 community partners among 10 committees. Most of the groups meet at least bi-monthly and active participation has proved essential for achieving plan goals, objectives and strategies. Access to services is a focal point of each group, thus the creation of 7 community resource cards, 2 monthly calendars and educational opportunities to help empower individuals to seek resources when needed. Sustaining a broad base of community interest and focused participation is our greatest challenge, but also our greatest asset.

**Major Collaborative Accomplishment:** As one of our identified Priority Issue Councils, the Primary Care Coalition has chosen to focus on wellness and prevention. The Coalition submitted a MO Foundation for Health, Health in Non-Traditional Settings (HINTS) grant in May 2007 to coordinate and implement free Health Education/Screening events in the south Cape Girardeau neighborhood, a low income area. As the grant was submitted, the Coalition decided to move forward immediately, sharing the costs among the Coalition membership. A community Health Fair, held in October 2007 at Salvation Army, featured 17 providers and 50 participants. Monthly events began in November at the Cape Area Family Resource Center.

The HINTS grant was awarded in Dec 2007 for \$50,000 over the next 2 years. Our strategy implementation has continued with 1-3 health events monthly. We offer programs for adults and youth on a variety of health topics. Individuals who are found to be in need of treatment are referred appropriately. Transportation is provided if needed. Almost 350 residents have been served.

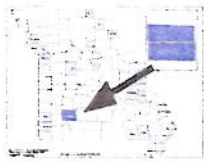
Topic	#	Provider	At Risk
Hearing Screen	12	SEMO University	3
Safe Toys	3	Parents Teachers	--
Assisted Living Devices	11	SADI	--
Dental Screening	21	Cross Trails	4
Glaucoma	26	MO Rehab Service	2
Diabetes	11	Cross Trails	2
MRSA	25	County Health	1
Nutrition	67	County Health	--
Sun/Bug Safety	49	County Health	1
Blood Press	31	SHOW	7
Bike Safety	41	SE Hs/Cape Police	--
Stroke Risk	17	SHOW	4
Cholesterol	34	SE Hospital	13

**List of Partners:** Cape Area Family Resource Center, Cape County Health Department, Cross Trails Medical Center, MO Family Support Division, Saint Francis Medical Center, SADI, Salvation Army, SHOW Mobile, SEMO State University and Southeast Missouri Hospital

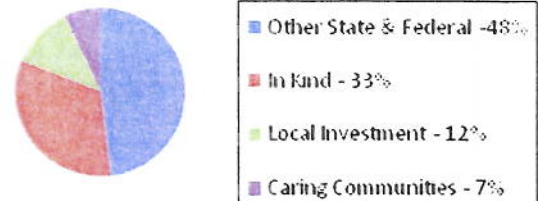


# Community Partnership of the Ozarks

**Established: 1995**



2007-2008 Funding



## FY08 Result Achievement: Homeless Outreach and Education

September 2008

### Community Profile:

Community Partnership of the Ozarks is located in the City of Springfield, chosen for the third year in a row as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth. Although the city's population currently stands at 151,823, its economic impact influences 27 counties and over 936,000 individuals. While the City of Springfield and Greene County serve as the geographic base of our service area, our programming efforts reach 20 other counties in Southwest Missouri.

Community Partnership is governed by a 29-member Board of Directors, which is comprised of representatives from local government, the faith and education community, local businesses, civic organizations, the media, and other non-profit organizations. We also have the Ozarks Fighting Back Board, which governs our alcohol, drug and tobacco prevention services, and a talented and committed staff of 37.

Future plans for our Partnership include continued focus on diversification of funding; promoting America's Five Promises; and continuing to build and expand our collaborative efforts to leverage additional resources for our community.

### Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Unemployment, foreclosures and rising fuel costs resulting from a lasting economic downturn have forced many in our community to seek supportive services to survive and have pushed many more into homelessness.

The Partnership facilitates the local Continuum of Care, a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandated network for locales receiving McKinney-Vento Act funding. Made up of shelter and housing stakeholders, businesses, government leaders and the homeless, this group worked to develop a 10 year plan to end homelessness in Greene, Christian and Webster Counties.

The foundation for the 10-year plan is a point-in-time census of the homeless population (both sheltered and unsheltered) in the tri-county area. Because of our reliable data collection methods, our Continuum was chosen to contribute data to HUD's Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress.

Biannual count efforts of both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless have become a model for other communities across Missouri, including the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness and the Missouri Housing Development Commission, responsible for collecting the same information for 104 counties across the state. This year, Community Partnership staff and Missouri State University representatives have been invited to present our achievements at two conferences:

- International Association for Research: Service Learning and Community Engagement
- Missouri Association for Social Welfare: Economic Injustice--The Increasing Divide and Rising Economic Insecurities

**Homeless:** Increasing numbers of homeless are coming into the Springfield/Greene, Christian and Webster County areas for shelter and housing support. In 2006, the total sheltered count was 490 compared with this year's count of 688 - a 28% increase in services provided to individuals and families. For the *unsheltered* homeless, we are seeing increasing numbers due in part to the sophistication of the data collection method as well as decreasing availability of supported housing. As a member of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness, our Continuum has contributed this and other data to the upcoming *State of Missouri's Homeless Report*.

Collaboration is at the heart of the Continuum's success. During the *2008 Winter and Summer Counts of Unsheltered Homeless*, the Continuum of Care raised over \$15,000 in goods and services for the coordination of this day long event and utilized the time of 75 community volunteers.

**Housing and Hope:** The City of Springfield has been a long-time partner in our efforts to address homelessness. Seeing a need to decentralize homeless services from an area recovering from blight, the City contributed \$200,000 to develop a new housing project that will create **14 units of supported housing** through Burrell Behavioral Health.

An additional outgrowth of these efforts to reach out to the homeless –both sheltered and unsheltered – has culminated in a new partnership with **Convoy of Hope**. In the spring of 2009, Community Partnership and other agencies will team up with Convoy to provide a one-stop resource center that will provide vital services specifically for the homeless on-site at Ozarks Technical Community College.

### **Collaborative Partners:**

Collaborative partners are indeed the most critical element of a successful Continuum of Care. This year, key partners included:

City of Springfield

Convoy of Hope

National Alliance on Mental Illness

The Kitchen, Inc.

Burrell Behavioral Health

Missouri State University

Housing Authority of Springfield

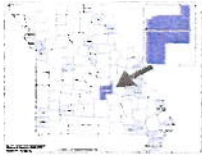
Missouri Association for Social Welfare

Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

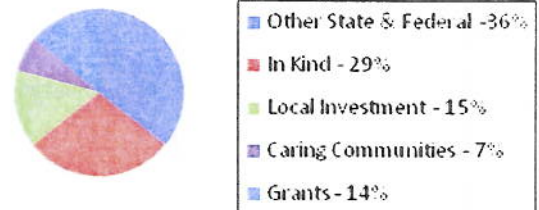


# The Community Partnership – Phelps County

**Established: 1999**



2007-2008 Funding



## **FY08 Result Achievement:**

### **Parents Working – Barriers to Employment**

**September 2008**

#### **Community Profile:**

The Community Partnership is nestled in the beautiful Ozarks Heritage Region of South-Central Missouri. Our main office is located at 1101 Hauck Drive in Rolla, Missouri. We have grown and changed over the years and now provide services in Crawford, Dent, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas Counties. This six county service area covers 4,424 square miles. The total population of the area is 158,930, or 36 persons per square mile (compared to 81.2 persons per square mile in Missouri). The Partnership also serves an additional fifteen counties through our Capable Kids and Families Program.

Poverty is a significant issue in rural Missouri with our region significantly higher than the state average in poverty rates, Medicaid use, births to mothers without a high school diploma, and births to young mothers. Additionally, the region has a higher number of individuals with less than a high school diploma.

The Partnership Board of Directors is comprised of 16 community leaders who work under the premise that those citizens who are affected by community issues need to be involved in the planning and implementation of services. We use other state, federal, foundation, and community dollars to strengthen existing services and coordinate the identification and development of new services and programs. The Partnership has been providing family strengthening services for more than ten years and has managed approximately one million dollar budgets for each of the last seven years, tripling its capacity since 1999. The Partnership spends at least 85% of its funds on programmatic costs.

The Partnership staff consists of 29 employees within six departments; Budget and Finance, Capable Kids & Families, Caring Communities, Community Relations and Development, Early Care & Education, and Youth Development.

#### **Major Collaborative Accomplishment:**

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. When individuals have sanctions placed on their TANF payments, due to non-compliance with work activity requirements, many barriers often keep sanctions in place. In August 2007 The Community Partnership developed the Community Work Support Program (CWS) to address these barriers.

CWS is a two-year pilot project with four critical components: assessment; community-based support and decision-making; financial supports; and documentation and replication. These components were deemed vital to the success of the project and for the opportunity to share "best practices".

Assessments are used to determine why a household is sanctioned; whether or not the family wishes to "cure" the sanction; and what barriers exist that keep the family from being compliant with work requirements. We have contacted more than 400 individuals to inform them of their eligibility in the program. To date, 70 people have completed assessments and are now participating in CWS services.

Like all Caring Communities initiatives, CWS is community-based; therefore a community advisory board was established in each county. The advisory boards act as an advocate and resource for families and also approve financial supports. The financial supports available to eligible clients help eliminate household barriers. Finally, documentation will provide an analysis of the project to help share "best practices" with others.



According to research, family health problems, domestic violence, substance abuse and alcohol problems, and multiple prior arrests are associated with higher rates of sanctions. Yet, transportation is one of the most frequently listed barriers to noncompliance. In a study of the 19 largest counties in California, 73% identified a lack of transportation as the most frequently cited reason sanctioned recipients gave for noncompliance with program requirements. In rural areas with limited or no access to public transportation, the issue of transportation is made even worse. **In our region 85% of family assistance has been for transportation related issues.**

## SUCCESS STORIES

### TRANSPORTATION

**Making Opportunities for Transportation Ownership a Reality** (MOTOR) is an auto loan program, for CWS participants. Suitable candidates must demonstrate the ability to make car loan payments as part of a monthly budget; have demonstrated the need for an automobile to procure and maintain employment; and have been unable to obtain an auto loan through conventional means. Requirements also include attendance at a financial management and auto maintenance class.

Our first MOTOR closing was a true community participation event. Denny Ford, a local Ford dealership, sold the car for \$2,300, and donated an inspection, replacement of a ball joint, new filters, a tank of gas, and even a thorough cleaning. Mid-Missouri Credit Union made the two-year loan, including credit life coverage, at two percent (2%) interest. In addition to contributing the money to guarantee the loan, CWS paid for licensing and initial insurance expenses.

### Multiple Barriers Overcome

One of the first CWS clients faced numerous barriers including transportation and childcare issues, medical problems, and substance abuse issues. The client was very open, particularly about the substance abuse issues and, with the assistance of the CWS project, participated successfully in a drug treatment program. CWS also helped her take the necessary steps to keep

her from incarceration and regain her driver's license. She is now actively participating in classes to obtain her GED, and the father of her child, who has overcome an addiction as well, is back in the picture and supporting the family.

To date 22 participants have had their TANF case closed or had their sanction lifted

### List of Partners

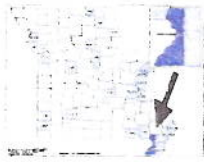
Formal partners include DSS and DWD, additionally the following participate in the CWS program:

- Community residents
- Denny Ford
- Mid-Missouri Credit Union
- Phelps County Bank
- Ozark Community Action Agency
- Russell House
- Ministerial Alliance
- Texas Team
- Probation and Parole
- *Pathways*
- *DHSS*
- *Rolla Federal Credit Union*
- *Maries County Commission*
- *First Community National Bank*
- *Belle State Bank*
- *Vienna Chamber of Commerce*
- *Salem Treatment Center*
- *Dent County Commission*
- *Voc Rehab*
- *Genesis - Place of New Beginnings*
- *Lake Ozark Employment Service (Pulaski County)*
- *Texas County Food Pantry*
- Various churches and school administrators throughout project region

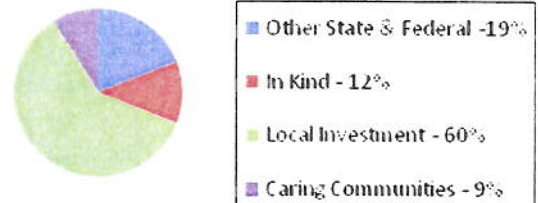


# Dunklin County Caring Council

**Established: 1998**



2007-2008 Funding



**FY08 Result Achievement: Decreasing Child Abuse and Neglect**

**September 2008**

## Community Profile:

DCCC is located at 311 Kennett Street in Kennett, MO. The Community Partnership serves Dunklin County which has a population of 33,155. The county is nearly sixty miles long and covers an area of 540 square miles. Kennett is Dunklin County's largest town and county seat. Kennett is 100 miles north of Memphis and 200 miles south of St. Louis. Campbell, Cardwell, Clarkton, Holcomb, Hornersville, Malden and Senath are other towns.

The Dunklin County Partnership has an eight member Board of Directors, providing a diverse representation of the county. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the partnership. The executive officers consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The staff for the partnership is an Executive Director, Administrative Assistant/Secretary and a part-time Community Developer. The Educare program with two part-time coordinators is housed in the DCCC Center. The center also partners with Dunklin County Youth Services funded through Workforce Investment Board of SEMO and Babies Environmental Development (BED) funded through Children's Trust Fund. DCCC is a licensed Microsoft Office Specialist training and testing center. GED tutoring is also available on site. Other services available on site include Life and Social Skills Workshops, Professional Enhancement in the Workplace and Welcome to the World of Work, which includes budgeting and financing. DCCC offers office space to partners in the community. The rental of this space generates revenue for the partnership.

One major strength of Dunklin County Partnership is commitment to link and strengthen partnering throughout the community.

Board members and staff are hard working and committed to making this Partnership a success. We envision a community of strong families where individuals may become self-reliant, responsible and resourceful citizens.

## Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Dunklin County Caring Council in partnership with Children's Trust Fund implemented the Babies Environmental Development (BED) program. The program targets young families who have been determined to be at-risk for abusive or neglectful behavior or have circumstances that present challenges to positive parenting behaviors and optimal child development.

Stories of abuse and neglect are plentiful in the Bootheel. Child Abuse and neglect is not only devastating to the children and families but to the community as a whole. Dunklin County Caring Council leverages existing resources and fosters collaboration among agencies to impact issues known to be related to child abuse and neglect.

Dunklin County residents struggle with poverty, unemployment, a lack of viable economic opportunities and inadequate support services and resources. More than one out of every three children live in poverty. Declining economic opportunities are determining family structures and dynamics that once served as protective factors.

**Results:**

The BED project served 207 children (17 & under) and 160 parents/expectant parents in fiscal years 2007 and 2008. Safe cribs have been distributed to 87 parents.

Missouri Department of Health ranks Dunklin County as the county with the 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of child abuse/neglect. According to KIDS COUNT 2007 data book, Dunklin County probable cause child abuse and neglect cases decreased from 60.3 percent in 2002 to 59.0 percent in the year 2006.

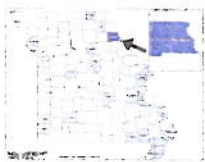
**List of Partners:**

Area Businesses  
Bootheel Regional Consortium  
Bootheel Regional Human Needs Center  
Children's Trust Fund  
Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corp.  
(DAEOC)  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Social Services, Children's  
Division  
Department of Workforce Development  
Dunklin County Health Department  
Dunklin County Youth Services  
First Presbyterian Church  
Kennett Chamber of Commerce  
Migrant Whole Health Outreach  
Ministerial Alliance  
Missouri Re-Entry Process  
SEMO Health Network  
Seven Schools in Dunklin County  
The Center for Family Resources  
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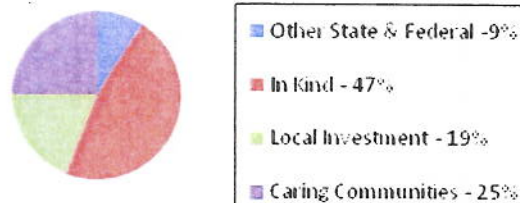


# Families and Communities Together

**Established: 1996**



2007-2008 Funding



## **FY08 Result Achievement: Community Engagement – Hope for Healing Educational Event**

**September 2008**

### **Community Profile:**

The Marion County F.A.C.T. office is located in historic Hannibal, Missouri in the northeast corner of the state. Currently F.A.C.T. serves Marion County which includes Hannibal, Palmyra and Monroe City, Ralls County and Lewis County.

Marion County F.A.C.T. has a nine member Board of Directors. There is an Advisory Council made up of sixteen representatives from community partners such as Marion County Health Department, University Extension, Douglass Community Services, Family Resource Center, Juvenile Office, Hannibal Chamber of Commerce, Christian Women's Job Corp., Department of Social Services - Children's Division and local law enforcement. F.A.C.T. has a staff of three, one full time Director, one full time Administrative Assistant/Office Manager and one full time Mentor Coordinator.

The vision of Marion County F.A.C.T. is to build, nurture and strengthen families and strive to ensure that every child has the opportunity to become a healthy, responsible, productive and contributing member of the community. The organization builds upon existing private and public resources in order to develop, plan and implement a comprehensive pro-family strategy that delivers services to children and families at the local level. F.A.C.T. facilitates and coordinates the development of alliances among various portions of the community of Marion, Ralls and Lewis Counties and strives to transform service delivery to children and families.

Challenges continue to be solicitation of grants, increased community participation and tracking of data. F.A.C.T.'s governing board remains committed to continuing and building upon the successes of the partnership and will continue to meet the challenges in order to provide a safe and nurturing community.

### **Major Collaborative Accomplishment:**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 F.A.C.T. and many community partners held a community educational event featuring Marilyn Van Derbur, a former Miss America and incest survivor. This event was held in the Roland Fine Arts Center on the Hannibal LaGrange College Campus and was open to the public at no charge.

According to countless, local mental health professionals and national statistics, child sexual abuse is rampant.

One in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually violated before the age of eighteen. This staggering statistic was the driver behind the F.A.C.T. Board of Directors taking an active role in the much needed education of our community. It was out of this need that the Hope For Healing Coalition was formed.

Funds for this event were raised through a variety of avenues. The group determined that a great deal of advertising would be needed to get the message out which drove the cost above and beyond the initial speaker fees. A local foundation granted funding and Missouri Kids First also contributed, but over half of the needed funds came from monetary contributions from churches and concerned individuals. Hannibal-LaGrange College gifted the venue and many others donated time and expertise. Over 3,500 bulletin inserts were created and distributed through many area churches. Hope For Healing members also made presentations to local civic groups, faith based social organizations, local cable programs and participated in radio interviews.

The Hope For Healing Educational Event was a wonderful success. Marilyn brought her message of hope to over 450 attendees. She, as she always does, stayed afterward and spoke with all who wanted to share. The Coalition worked to put together a resource guide with names and contact information for mental health professionals who have childhood sexual abuse expertise so that victims would have tools to further their healing.

Originally, the intent of the Hope For Healing Coalition was to simply host a community educational event featuring Marilyn Van Derbur, but as the group moved forward on the event, it became apparent that a single event would not meet the full scope of need. Members of HFH are now being trained in the Darkness to Light curriculum so that they may continue to educate our regional community in the prevention of childhood sexual abuse.

### **List of Partners:**

Hope For Healing is made up of representatives from AVENUES, The Child's Center, Probation & Parole, the faith community, Marion County F.A.C.T., Missouri Kids First, Mark Twain Area Counseling Center and local citizens with no "agency" affiliation.

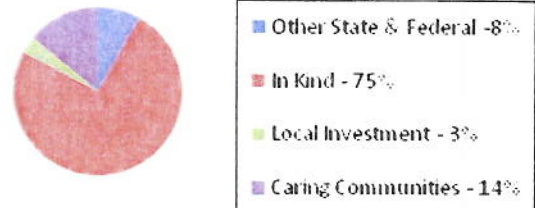


# Jefferson County Community Partnership

**Established: 1996**



2007-2008 Funding



**FY08 Result Achievement: Transportation Solutions Committee plans to launch first bus in newly developed public transportation system for county**

**September 2008**

## Community Profile:

Jefferson County Community Partnership is located near I-55 in Barnhart, Missouri. Our office is physically located on Marriott Lane across from the St. Joseph's Sports Fields, but JCCP strives to serve the entire county region with various programs, services and support. Jefferson County is made up of an estimated population of 220,507 citizens in 2007. It has a large geographical area of nearly 660 square miles, which are a mixture of both rural and suburban areas.

The Partnership serves the Jefferson County region specifically, but some of its efforts and services in fiscal year ending 2008 reached beyond Jefferson County into other areas: St. Genevieve Co., St. Louis Co., St. Louis City and Washington Co.

The Partnership board is comprised of 20 members with a broad representation from the community. It is the oversight for the Partnership and meets on a monthly basis to review and authorize JCCP's efforts. Staff at the Partnership includes seven full-time, two regular part-time, a full time AmeriCorps Vista volunteer and several intermittent part-time childcare employees. The four program/community coordinators and a part-time assistant work with a variety of issues. Jefferson County Community Partnership is fortunate to be able to utilize dedicated community volunteers in many of its programs. Their invaluable time and energy enhance our efforts in the community.

Looking ahead, the Partnership is planning to work closely with our many community partners in exploring the issues that surround early childhood and how they affect one of our greatest resources, the children of Jefferson County.

## Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

A community project being facilitated by the Partnership is the Transportation Solutions Committee (TSC). TSC is a group from the community that is comprised of non-profit agencies, public providers, and others who have, with the initial support of the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, taken ten months to research and plan out a transportation solution to the need for public transportation in Jefferson County. TSC is comprised of several members of a once active group Transportation Advisory Committee worked with county officials to review the problem some years earlier, but no solution was found. There prior studies, surveys, and suggestions were very helpful in the progress of TSC.

The transportation system resulting from the groups planning work is set to launch in 2009. Dependent upon collaboration from partners, municipalities, and county government, the future goal of the system is expected to link city buses to the larger countywide leg of the system. Plans to link the county's three major highways to the larger St. Louis Metro system are on the horizon, allowing greater accessibility to area services and destinations.

Funding for sustainability and growth is being sought through a variety of ways: local government contributions, fares, advertising, grants, local cash matches and in-kind donations.

## List of Partners:

Jeff. Co. Dev. Dis. Res. Board	Oats, Inc.
Missouri Planning Council	Local Newspapers
Jeff. County Transit	Jefferson College
St. Louis Regional Center	Metro Business College
Disability Resource Association	Mapaville State School
Jefferson County Online Network	Huskey Bus Service
Jefferson Memorial Hospital	Ace Medical Service
Bear Transportation	Jeff. Co. Health Dept.
Jefferson County Commissioners	Local Municipalities
Mid-East Area Agency on Aging	COMTREA
MO Dept. of Transportation	And many more.....

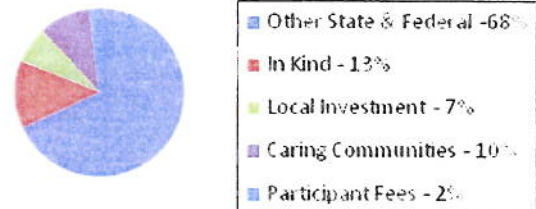


# Local Investment Commission

**Established: 1995**



**2007-2008 Funding**



**FY08 Result Achievement: Children Safe in their Families and Families Safe in their Communities; Youth Prepared to Enter Productive Adulthood**

**September 2008**

## Community Profile:

LINC is the state community partner for a three-county area on the Missouri side of metropolitan Kansas City. The counties are Jackson, Clay and Platte, with a combined population of 945,000 (2006 population estimate).

LINC's efforts are directed by an active, diverse and engaged 36-member citizen commission. The work focuses both on citizen engagement and involvement through school or neighborhood-based Caring Communities sites, and on broad system reform efforts that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of supportive services for low-income children and families.

## Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

**LINC participates in a community-based child welfare system addressing prevention, protection, and youth moving towards independence.**

The welfare of children is the responsibility of the entire community and should not be shouldered by a state agency alone.

LINC has developed partnerships within the community providing supports to children and families in need.

**Independent Living:** Responding to community concerns about the outcomes for foster youth who "age out" of the foster care system, LINC entered into a partnership with the Division of Children's Services in June 2007.

LINC manages the Independent Living Initiative which offers resources and training to youth transitioning to independent adulthood from foster care. LINC is working with youth from Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties.

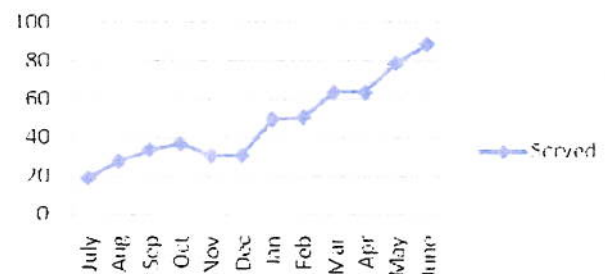
To be eligible for services youth must be:

- Likely to remain in foster care until age 18;
- Between the ages of 14 and 21;
- Former foster youth who have left foster care at age 17.5 or after, but have not reached age 21.

LINC offers foster youth access to existing strong connections and resources located within their communities.

Between 7/1/2007 and 6/30/2008, LINC served 165 youth.

**Number of Youth Served by Month between 7/1/2007 and 6/30/2008**



Individualized services focus on academic achievement, job readiness, community services and supports, youth leadership, and independent living skills.

**Survival Skills for Youth** classes are available for the youth. This is a series of training and experiential activities designed to teach youth the life skills they need as they transition from foster care to the community.

Educational assistance includes help with graduation expenses, goal setting for higher education, and completing financial aid forms. Emergency funds used for auto repairs, utility assistance, food, and rent, are necessary short term solutions to help the young person succeed

## Youth Served

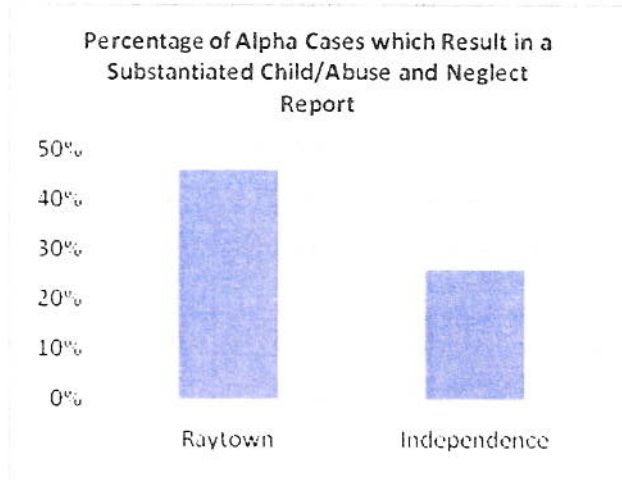
Attending High School	Received High School Diploma	Completed Survival Skills for Youth Program
132	42	34
Enrolled in Post-Secondary Education	Receiving Scholarships or Vouchers	Employed
22	18	48

Young people gain the information and access to supportive services, form strong connections to the community they live in, and are better prepared to make their own critical decisions.

**Prevention:** LINC's Caring Communities located in 48 sites across seven school districts actively identify the needs of families and connect them to services available within their communities.

The Independence Child Welfare Initiative augments the local child welfare staff by enlisting school district social workers to engage with families who have been hot-lined, but have not been determined by preliminary assessment to merit state investigation.

Independence School district interventions appear to be significantly reducing the frequency that families receiving school-based services will subsequently have a later call that merits state child abuse and neglect investigations.



**Intervention and Education:** LINC partners with the non-profit Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association (MFCAA) to provide a resource center to support children and families following successful adoptions.

Accomplishments between 7/1/2007 and 6/30/2008 included:

- 54 parents and children participated in Parent Support Groups
- 50 respite homes developed providing 183 units of respite care.
- 161 adoptive families received crisis intervention services.
- 62 families received mental health supportive services.

The MFCAA provided Advocacy, Training and Workshops, Information and Referrals, Youth Support Groups, Educational Services, and Medical and Behavioral Services.

**Training:** LINC provides extensive training in detecting, preventing and reporting child abuse and neglect for child care providers and school-age child care staff, and through research-based parent education programs.

LINC Educare trainings support these efforts by providing child abuse and neglect prevention training and many other workshop offerings. Attendance in these trainings exceeds 3,000 per year as providers and community members learn how to better protect our children, how to prevent child abuse and neglect, and how to survive as single parents, just to mention a few of the workshop areas.

#### **Conclusion:**

These are examples of the collaboration that has tied all these services together to provide a safe and healthy environment for our children throughout their development.

#### **List of Partners:**

Missouri Dept. of Social Services  
DSS Children's Division - Jackson County

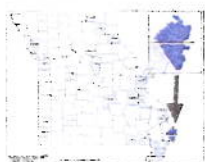
Independence School District  
North Kansas City School District  
Hickman Mills School District  
Fort Osage School District  
Center School District  
Grandview School District

City of Kansas City, Missouri  
Drumm Farm Institute  
Francis Child Development Institute  
Kansas City Parks & Recreation Dept.  
Don Bosco Community Centers  
Family Literacy Center - Up With Parents Program  
Families & Schools Together Parent & Community Partners  
FAST National Training & Evaluation Center  
Family Conservancy  
Family Friendly Assistance.  
Healthy Habits  
Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association  
Parents As Teachers  
Kansas City Young Audiences  
National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependency  
Police Athletic League  
Samuel U. Rodgers Community Health Center  
Sunshine Center  
Swope Health Services  
Truman Behavioral Health

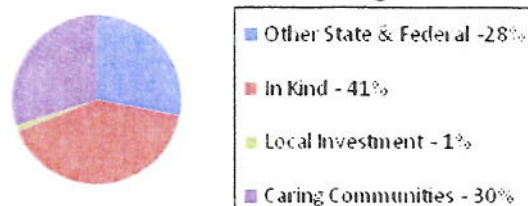


# Mississippi County Interagency Council

**Established: 1998**



2007-2008 Funding



**FY08 Result Achievement: Decrease in the number of child abuse/neglect cases**

**September 2008**

## Community Profile:

Our community partnership is located in the Bootheel of Missouri and just west of the Mississippi River. The county population is 14,327 with the majority of the population living in Charleston on the north end and East Prairie on the southern end of the county. Mississippi County is 50+ miles from a major city and the county is mostly a farming community. Various small businesses are located in the two largest towns. Local businesses and the two school districts are the heartbeat of the county, accounting for most of the family income. The partnerships geographical area consists of Mississippi County and some portions of Scott.

The partnership in Mississippi County has 11 Board of Directors, providing a diverse representation of the county. The Board of Directors is the governing body for the partnership. The executive officers consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The staff for the partnership is an Executive Director, Officer Manager, County Coordinator, Youth Coordinator and an Experience Works volunteer secretary. Housed in the MCCC Resource Center are two case managers for the Adult and Dislocated Worker program through Lakes Country and a case manager through Mers- Goodwill. The Center also offers office space to an Experience Works Coordinator, Bootheel Counseling and a Missouri Baptist Children's Home Case Manager.

The Board of Directors and the Partnership staff are focusing on stability for the organization. Future plans include an Early Childcare Center that will provide quality care to young children at affordable pricing and also provide general revenue to the partnership. Continued assessments are resulting in further collaboration to provide additional strategies to ongoing youth training, family support and emergency preparedness.

## Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Although many organizations and agencies have collaborated with the Mississippi County Partnership to implement these programs, three main ones can be recognized in helping to reduce child abuse/neglect incidents. They are the East Prairie and Charleston Parents as Teachers programs and the Mississippi County Health Department. They help to provide parent education and home visits. Because of the continual contact between the partners and families, early signs of child or family distress can be detected and help can be provided to the families in a timely manner. This has helped to reduce the incidents of child abuse/neglect.

## Early Childhood Education Projects and Programs

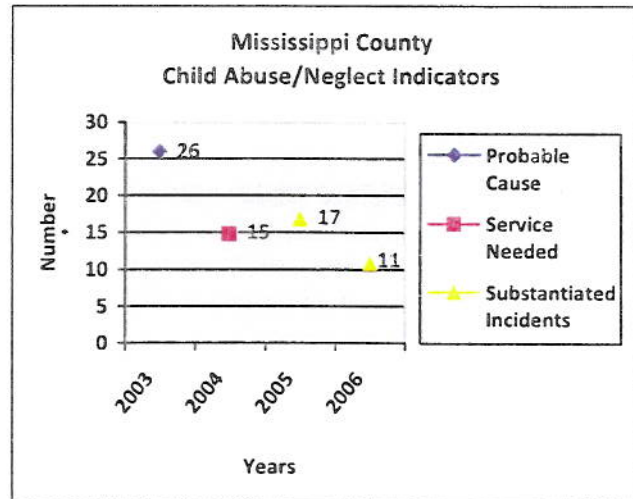
### Bright Beginnings Project:

The Partnership is in its fourth year of providing county parents with the benefits of The Bright Beginnings Project, funded by the Children's Trust Fund. The Project focuses on reducing child abuse/neglect and offers educational classes throughout the year to parents with children 0-4 years of age. Parents receive cribs and infant massage kits when the parenting classes are complete. The Community Coordinator provides crib assembly for the parents and conducts a 60-90 day follow up home visit.

To date, 141 cribs, 191 infant massage kits and 58 classes have been given through the Project. Findings through the "Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report" Family Assessments for 2003-2006 indicate the program's effectiveness. In 2003, the probable cause incidents for the county were 26. The following year, in 2004, service needed was 15. In 2005, the substantiated incidents of child abuse and neglect spiked slightly to 17, but what's noteworthy is the drastic decline



that occurred in 2006, when the incidents dropped to 11. Through the efforts of Bright Beginnings, the partnership has been afforded the opportunity to form a greater collaborative effort with the community, schools, organizations and agencies; thus helping to reduce the incidents of child abuse/neglect.



#### Reaching All Parents Program (SAHP)

The Reaching All Parents Program is funded through the Department of Social Services. The Stay at Home Parenting Program, implemented in FY '08, has made significant advances in providing educational enrichment, safety education and educational materials essential for child development. The program design is for stay at home parents and their children, 0-3 years old. Home visitation and networking meetings allow facilitation of the program and cultivates communication and bonding techniques to help reduce child abuse and neglect. To date, a continual caseload of 32 families and 37 children have participated in the program. According to 2008 Kids Count, 33% of the live births reported are to mothers with no high school diploma. The Stay at Home Parenting Program is continually implementing new strategies to address this and other encompassing issues. The program mission is to promote a strong educational foundation and foster a safer and healthier home environment.

#### Early Childhood Training Clock Hours

The local childcare homes, group homes and centers are required to obtain 12 hours of training per year to be in compliance with state licensing rules. The partnership works with organizations and agencies to see that training sessions are offered throughout the year locally, helping licensing entities to maintain educational requirements for the state.

Traveling to training sessions for childcare workers in Mississippi County is often not possible due to time restraints. Childcare workers on staff until 6:00 can't make it to trainings that are one hour away at the same time. The local training clock hours help Miss. Co. licensing childcare staff to meet those state requirements.

#### **List of Partners:**

Charleston PAT  
 East Prairie PAT  
 New Madrid County Family Resource Center-CP  
 Local Daycares  
 Family Service Division  
 Miss. Co. Health Department  
 Susanna Wesley  
 City of East Prairie  
 City of Charleston  
 Sheriff's Department  
 American Red Cross  
 Salvation Army